

MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 08, 2005

Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Ed O'Farrell. Committee members present:

Ron Parsons
Judy Hallam
Steve Garrison
Jim Christopher
Neil Petry, M.D.
Ed O'Farrell

John Zartman
Rod Bosley
Hugh Garner
Rita Herrington

Staff:
Tony Pagano
Sam Steinhilber
Michael Garvey

Guests:

Jim Floyd
Bill Hufford, Commission Member
Mark Fair
Heather Coburn

Emery Garwick
Myron Mackey, Commission Member
Kim Fischer

Report on Commission Meeting

Steve Garrison reported on the July EMS Commission meeting. The Commission passed the recommendations on stopping oral testing and adding cardioversion to the intermediate curriculum. The recommendation on taking the specific drug concentrations out of the approved medication list for EMT-I died for lack of a second. The recommendation on allowing medications on the approved EMT-I drug list be allowed for any FDA approved treatment was defeated.

The Commission ordered the Education Committee to draft objectives for cardioversion for the EMT-I curriculum as well as objectives for using morphine for orthopedic pain. After discussion on how this would be done, Mr. Garvey said that staff could simply write the objectives and present them to the Commission. He also said that the Commission would be against expanding the curriculum and the drug list. Ron Parsons said that from his experience the current drug list is fine.

Staff will write objectives for Cardioversion, Morphine, Amnioderone, Vasopressin, and Dextrose.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under new business was introduced by Mr. Garvey. The Commission requested the Education Committee look at lowering the age for Emergency Medical First Responder certification to sixteen (16) years old. The fire board is looking at lowering their certification age so people can get involved at a younger age. The Committee reviewed the curriculum in the first responder course and decided there was no reason to put an age requirement on the certification. There was a question on whether this decision will cause the EMT age to drop: Consensus was not if a hard line was taken.

Jim Christopher made a motion to allow first responders to certify without age restriction and to hold the line at 18 years of age for EMT. Judy Hallam seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Tony Pagano requested a BLS test construction task force be formed to start work on a new Basic EMT examination. John Zartman volunteered to chair. Other members will be Jim Christopher, Rod Bosley, and Judy Hallam.

A request was made to put together an accreditation workshop with Rich Walker of CoAEMSP. Tony will make the contact and schedule something for late Fall.

Tony passed out medication and procedure codes for data collection. Please review for additions or deletions and return to staff.

Dr. Petry announced his resignation from the Education Committee. He said he has enjoyed his time with the Committee and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Tony Pagano asked the audience to check with their medical directors to see if one of them would be interested in serving on the committee.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.